

LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION'S

HURRICANE SEASON 2007

FACT SHEET
(352) 343-9420

Stay informed during a hurricane emergency

During a time of disaster, staying advised of weather reports and information from the Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is essential for your family's safety.

If emergency personnel recommend that you evacuate your home because of an oncoming hurricane, you should follow their instructions. To learn of important emergency notices, monitor radio and television reports. Listed below are some of the links the public has to the latest hurricane information.

Telephone

Citizens Information Line — Typically staffed 24 hours a day during a hurricane, residents can call (352) 253-9999 to get up-to-date information.

Online

www.lakecountyfl.gov — The online portal for Lake County hurricane-preparedness information is www.lake-countyfl.gov, keyword: hurricane. During an emergency, this Web site is updated frequently to provide residents with important information.

Radio

WLBE 790 AM — WLBE, of Leesburg, broadcasts a remote feed from the Lake County EOC.

WVLG 640 AM — WVLG, of The Villages, also broadcasts to many Lake County residents.

Television

Government access stations: Bright House channel 99; Florida Cable channel 4. Lake-Sumter Community College Television (*Comcast cable channel 13*) and LakeFront TV (*Comcast cable channel 22*) air news conferences from the Lake County EOC on all government access channels.

Network television stations: Regular updates can be seen on NBC affiliate WESH-TV channel 2; CBS affiliate WKMG-TV channel 6; ABC affiliate WFTV-TV channel 9; FOX35 channel 35; Central Florida News 13 (*Bright House Network cable only*).

Newspaper

Daily newspapers: Lake Sentinel, The Daily Commercial, The Villages Daily Sun, Ocala Star-Banner

Stockpiling a disaster supply kit

If a hurricane strikes, it may not leave your family much time to respond. The high winds, flooding and tornadoes spawned by hurricanes have the potential to cut water, electricity and telephone services for days.

After a disaster, local emergency officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they will not be able to reach everyone immediately. It could take hours or even days before help can get to your community. Preparing a disaster supply kit will help your family better cope with the situation.

- One gallon of water daily per person for five days
- Enough non-perishable food for the household for at least five days
- A non-electric can opener; cooking tools and fuel; paper plates; and plastic utensils
- Toiletries, such as toothpaste and brush; deodorant and soap; shaving equipment; personal hygiene supplies; shampoo; wash cloth and towel; and toilet paper
- Supplies for infants, including diapers and formula
- Supplies for senior citizens, including special dietary considerations and incontinence pads
- At least a two-week supply of prescribed family medicines, as well as a typical first-aid kit with bandages, antibiotic cream, headache medicine and antacids
- Blankets and pillows
- Battery-powered weather radio and flashlight; and extra batteries
- A waterproof container with extra cash and important documents, such as insurance, bank account and Social Security cards
- A list of important phone numbers including the family's local pharmacy, doctors and designated contacts the family can call in case of an emergency



Knowing Lake County's shelter locations

If a hurricane sets its sights on Central Florida, it is important Lake County residents know where they plan to shelter for the duration of the storm. Because of the destructive power and torrential rainfall of a hurricane, residents in a manufactured home or low-lying area should never ignore an evacuation order.

Lake County shelters are storm-hardened facilities. Evacuating residents should think twice about staying in "shelters" that are not designated by the American Red Cross and Emergency Management. Another option besides evacuating to a Lake County designated shelter is finding shelter with a friend or relative in a site-built home. While Lake County's shelters are high on safety, residents may tend to find the comfort level more accommodating in a site-built home of a friend or relative.

Any Lake County resident who may use a public shelter during a hurricane is encouraged to fill out a public-shelter registry form. The registry will help Emergency Management with assisting residents who may not have reliable transportation to a public shelter.

Lake County has eight primary shelters, and additional shelters are available if necessary. In most circumstances, the primary shelters will be the first to open. In addition to being general-population risk shelters, all primary shelters are pet-friendly and many serve those residents who have registered with the County's special-needs program. All pets accepted by authorities at shelters must be crated and have documentation of up-to-date rabies vaccinations.

To register for the special-needs program or the public-shelter registry, call the Lake County Emergency Management Division at (352) 343-9420.

1. **Astatula Elementary**, 13925 Florida Ave., Astatula
2. **Leesburg Elementary**, 2229 South St., Leesburg
3. **Lost Lake Elementary**, 1901 Johns Lake Road, Clermont
4. **Pine Ridge Elementary**, 10245 County Road 561, Clermont
5. **Round Lake Elementary**, 31333 Round Lake Road, Mount Dora
6. **Treadway Elementary**, 10619 Treadway School Road, Leesburg
7. **Umatilla Elementary**, 401 Lake St., Umatilla
8. **Villages Elementary**, 695 Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake

Shelter survival kit

If you decide to evacuate from your residence before a hurricane strikes — or if authorities tell you to evacuate — take only items that are essential to you. Space is limited as each person in the shelter is allotted only 20 square feet. Items to include in a shelter survival kit are:

- Blankets, pillows and sleeping bags
- Two-week supply of prescribed medications
- Personal items including books and toys
- Important papers such as valid identification
- Battery-operated radio and flashlight
- Extra clothing
- Toiletries
- Infant necessities

